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PROGRESSIVE RENEWAL

Seven Secrets to Progressive Church Leadership Revealed

New Church Leadership Institute Continues in Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia—August 12, 2010—The Center for Progressive Renewal and the Southeast Conference opened the fourth annual New Church Leadership Institute (NCLI) on Monday, August 9 in Atlanta, Georgia with nearly 200 people in attendance. NCLI gathers potential and practicing new church developers and revitalizing pastors from the United Church of Christ (UCC) and other denominations for a weeklong intensive training in the latest tools and theories for evangelism and church growth. Over 30 leaders and pastors from the Southeast Conference attended.

This year's conference explored the **"Seven Secrets"** of vital, progressive, transformational church leadership and included four diverse, inspiring and educational worship experiences; seven plenary sessions led by world-renowned experts on the "Seven Secrets" to becoming an effective church leader; and 33 workshops led by 24 specialists. Featured speakers included Bishop Yvette Flunder, founder of City of Refuge in San Francisco, California; Rev. Steve Sterner, acting Executive Minister of Local Church Ministries for the UCC; and author and speaker and author Doug Pagitt, a leader in the emerging church movement. The UCC's President and General Minister, Rev. Geoffrey Black, also attended a special evening event held in his honor.

"The future of the progressive church is being created by the pastors and lay leaders who are attending the New Church Leadership Institute," said Cameron Trimble, Executive Director, and CEO of the Center for Progressive Renewal. "Since our first conference in 2007, we have quadrupled the number of people in attendance. It is our belief that the practical, skills-based training they received, combined with the passion for ministry with which they arrived, will create new growth in the Progressive Church."

The mission of The Center for Progressive Renewal is to renew Progressive Christianity by training new entrepreneurial leaders, supporting the birth of new liberal/progressive congregations, and by renewing and strengthening existing progressive churches.

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